

83D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1003

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1953

Mrs. CHURCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To create a commission to make a study of the administration of overseas activities of the Government, and to make recommendations to Congress with respect thereto.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there is hereby created a commission to be known as
4 the Commission on Overseas Administration (hereinafter
5 called the "Commission"), which shall be composed of four
6 Members of the Senate appointed by the President of the
7 Senate, four Members of the House of Representatives
8 appointed by the Speaker, and four persons in the executive
9 branch of the Government appointed by the President. Any
10 vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but

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1 shall be filled in the same manner in which the original
2 appointment was made. The members of the Commission
3 shall serve without additional compensation by reason of such
4 membership, but they shall be allowed and paid their neces-
5 sary travel and subsistence expenses while away from their
6 official station on the business of the Commission.

7 SEC. 2. The Commission shall elect a Chairman and a
8 Vice Chairman from among its members.

9 SEC. 3. Seven members of the Commission shall consti-
10 tute a quorum.

11 SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Commission to make
12 a study of the administration of the overseas activities of the
13 Federal Government, with a view to making recommenda-
14 tions to the Congress with respect to means for coordinating
15 and integrating such activities. The Commission shall com-
16 plete its study and make a report of its findings and
17 recommendations to Congress not later than June 30, 1954.

18 SEC. 5. The Commission is authorized, without regard
19 to the civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1923,
20 as amended, to employ and fix the compensation of such per-
21 sonnel as it deems necessary to assist it in the performance
22 of its functions. The Commission may also contract for
23 services and employ part-time consultants on a per diem
24 basis.

25 SEC. 6. (a) The Commission, or any member thereof,

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1 may, when authorized by a majority of the Commission, for
2 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, hold
3 such hearings and sit and act at such times and places, and
4 take such testimony, as the Commission or such member
5 may deem advisable. Any member of the Commission may
6 administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses appearing be-
7 fore the Commission or before such member.

8 (b) The Commission is authorized to secure directly
9 from any executive department, bureau, agency, board,
10 commission, office, independent establishment, or instru-
11 mentality information, suggestions, estimates, and statistics
12 for the purpose of this Act; and each such department,
13 bureau, agency, board, commission, office, establishment, or
14 instrumentality is authorized and directed to furnish such in-
15 formation, suggestions, estimates, and statistics directly to
16 the Commission, upon request made by the Chairman or
17 Vice Chairman.

18 SEC. 7. The Commission shall cease to exist on June
19 30, 1954.

20 SEC. 8. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated,
21 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
22 priated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the pro-
23 visions of this Act.

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